

**REAR ADMIRAL LOUIS V. IASIELLO**  
**CHAPLAIN CORPS UNITED STATES NAVY**

Rear Admiral Iasiello is a native of Staten Island, New York. After completing his undergraduate studies at St. Bonaventure University, he completed a Master's in Education at Niagara University. In 1973 he entered the Franciscans and began his preparation for ministry. In 1974 he was accepted for graduate theological studies at the Washington Theological Union, graduating with distinction in 1977. Following ordination to the diaconate, he ministered in Brazil. After ordination to the priesthood, he ministered to an Hispanic community in the inner city and then as chairperson of the Modern Languages Department at a Franciscan School in Buffalo, NY. In addition to four graduate degrees (Education, Divinity, National Security & Strategic Studies, and International Relations), he is in the dissertation writing stage of a Ph.D. program in the Humanities.

Chaplain Iasiello entered the Naval Reserve in 1981, and was recalled to active duty July 1983. His active duty assignments include: Naval Air Station, Memphis; U.S. Coast Guard Support Center, Kodiak, Alaska; USS RANGER (CV 61); Second Marine Division; (8th Marines, 2nd Marines, 26th MEU [SOC] and Marine Forces Panama); Naval War College (Distinguished Graduate); Assistant Fleet Chaplain, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and Deputy Chaplain, U. S. Atlantic Command; Staff Chaplain JTF-160; SHORELANT Chaplain; Director for Operational Ministry, CINCLANTFLT; and Director, Naval Chaplains School. He is now the Deputy Chief of Navy Chaplains and the first flag officer to hold the position of Chaplain to the United States Marine Corps. He is a member of the Presbyterial Council of the Archdiocese for Military Services.

Personal decorations include the Legion of Merit (Gold Star), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (Gold Star); Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Gold Star), Coast Guard Commendation Medal; Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal; Combat Action Ribbon; and numerous other unit and service awards.